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SUBJECT: AMIS "LIQUIDATION TEAMS" TO REDISTRIBUTE UNAMID ASSETS

1. (SBU) This is an action request. Please see paragraph ten.

2. (SBU) Summary. The African Union (AU) plans to form Liquidation Teams to inventory and redistribute equipment, possibly including USG assets already transferred to UNAMID. Until the inventory, AMIS refuses to permit UNAMID personnel access to the equipment. UNAMID has requested USG and donor intervention to prevent diversion of these badly-needed assets. End Summary.

AU LIQUIDATION TEAMS FORMED

3. (SBU) The African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) has issued instructions on the "Liquidation of AMIS Human Resources and Assets," which could possibly undermine donor and USG materiel support for the UN-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID).

4. (SBU) To conduct this liquidation, Joint Special Representative (JSR) Senior Advisor and transitioning African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) Chief Political Officer Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Ahmed told emboffs on January 14 that the Khartoum African Union (AU) office has established a team of 100 former AMIS officers, including UN appointees, headed by former AMIS Deputy Head of Mission Ambassador Hassan Gibril and former AMIS Joint Chief of Staff Brigadier General Musonda, to conduct an inventory of AMIS equipment.

5. (SBU) AU Liquidation Team Chief told FieldOff in El-Fasher on January 16 that "liquidation" was part of every peacekeeping operation and that this action was overdue. He said that most, if not all, of the AMIS equipment belongs to the AU and the AU would decide which assets would go to the UN, which would go to other operations "such as Somalia," and which would go to "local populations."

AU REFUSES EQUIPMENT TO UNAMID

6. (SBU) UN Chief of Integrated Support Services (CISS) Ian Divers expressed to emboffs January 15 his view that the AU's "sense of entitlement is out of hand," citing AMIS' refusal on January 12 to permit entry to a UNAMID Joint Logistics warehouse to the Deputy CISS. He said that AMIS has refused to release badly-needed ground-to-air radios and vehicles to UNAMID. Divers added that there is no recognition that most if not all of the equipment was USG-owned and now belongs to UNAMID.

AU TOLD THAT USG ALREADY TRANSFERRED ASSETS TO UNAMID

7. (SBU) Emboffs provided Joint Special Representative (JSR) Political Advisor Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Ahmed on January 14 a copy of the USG Technical Manager's (USGTM) one-page statement that was posted at AMIS camps in advance of Turnover of Authority (TOA).

This statement alerted all AMIS personnel on the mechanics of the transition and transfer of assets to UNAMID. Emboffs explained that the USG inventoried all equipment prior to TOA and that all USG assets used by AMIS are now UNAMID property.

18. (SBU) Abdul Rahman confirmed he knew USG assets should be turned over to UNAMID, but said that there was a great deal of equipment that the AU had donated as well. However, Abdul Rahman appeared to confuse USG, UK, Canadian and other bilateral support given to individual Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) with donor contributions made to the AU.

UN SEEKS HELP

19. (SBU) UN CISS Director Divers expressed dissatisfaction with the situation, saying that UN New York headquarters seemed "amused" by the liquidation problem. He added that the prolonged absence of UN Director of Administration Mohammed Yunis makes the situation worse as only Yunis has the financial and personnel decision-making authority to deal with the problem. Divers urged USG assistance saying that donors need to protect their investments in the peacekeeping operation and control the AU. He said that the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) Assistant-Secretary-General for Mission Support Jane Holl Lute's January 19 visit would be a good time to raise the issue and, he hoped, would be before Joint Special Representative Rudolphe Adada formally authorized the AU Liquidation Teams.

110. (SBU) Action request: Embassy plans to relay our concerns to AU/UNAMID officials such as Special Representative Monique Mukaruliza and others on the AU's liquidation plans. We suggest that other missions do the same prior to Holl Lute's upcoming Darfur

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trip, which will soon be followed by a DPKO Under-Secretary-General Jean-Marie Guhenno Darfur visit. While it is unlikely to change the Liquidation Team's mandate at this stage without risking some loss of AMIS prestige, we believe it would make sense nonetheless to weigh in with the AU in Addis Ababa to try to modify the parameters for distribution of AMIS assets in order to control the potential loss of UNAMID equipment and materiel. This is the latest of a series of self-inflicted wounds carried out by the international force in Darfur "against itself" leading to an already weakened and divided force.

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